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## **AMENDMENT**

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the office action mailed July 12, 2001. Entry of the amendment below and consideration of the remarks herein are respectfully requested.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

- Isolated RTD polypeptide having at least 80% amino 1. (Twice Amended) acid sequence identity with RTD polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 386 of Fig. 1A (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein said isolated RTD polypeptide inhibits Apo-2 ligand induced apoptosis in a mammalian cell or binds Apo-2 ligand.
- The RTD polypeptide of claim 1 wherein said RTD (Once Amended) 2. polypeptide has at least 90% amino acid sequence identity.
- The RTD polypeptide of claim 2 wherein said RTD 3. (Once Amended) polypeptide has at least 95% amino acid sequence identity.